

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
July 9th, 2018
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt

Councilmember Judy Taylor Foster

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Chief Gray Couch

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Solomon Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Judy Foster to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the minutes of the June 11th regular meeting. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the June 2018 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Bill Gregory, Meriwether County Finance Director, presented to the Mayor and Council an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2020 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for Capital Outlay Projects. Mr. Gregory explained that the agreement is to replace the SPLOST agreement that will expire in April of 2020. It is anticipated that the renewal SPLOST will generate approximating 10 million dollars countywide in revenue with the City of Manchester receiving 16.5%.

Motion made by Judy Foster and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the intergovernmental SPLOST agreement and authorizing Mayor Brening to sign. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to approve the Service Agreement between Liberty Utilities and the City of Manchester. Motion seconded by Bruce Burt. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Presented to the Mayor and Council was the "Manchester Georgia Specifications for Upcoming AMI RFP". The material outlines and gives specifications for a meter replacement program for the City. Motion made by Bruce Burt and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to direct the City Manager to proceed with the Request for Proposal. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

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Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Judy Foster to name what is commonly known as the 9 & 10 Field to the Robert Lee Daniel Field. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to accept the Right of Way Deed between Habitat for Humanity, Inc. and the City of Manchester. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Mayor Brening gave a brief report which included commendations to City employees for their hard work to ensure the July 3rd event was a success. He also mentioned the upcoming 9-10 State Baseball Tournament being hosted by the Manchester Recreation Department on July 13, 14, and 15. He stated 11 teams were to participate.

City Manager Doug Westberry updated the Council regarding road work/repairs on Gilbert Road. He stated the majority of work had been completed and full completion should occur soon. Mr. Westberry also recognized the employees and their efforts for a successful July 3rd event. He informed the council that the number of vendors participating this year was 23 – up from a count of 13 last year. He also referenced a longer fireworks display than in past years as well as the number in attendance which was approximated at 7,500.

Chief Gray Couch presented the police department's June stat report. He stated that the 2 new hires had started training on July 5th at the Academy which will last for 12 weeks. In conclusion, he noted the department would be seeking someone to fill the position of Court Clerk/Administrative Assistant.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Judy Foster to adjourn at 6:04. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening